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Concluding reports on the 40th General Council meeting of **IFLA**, held in Washington, D.C., on November 16-23, appear as an Appendix to this week's issue of the LC *Information Bulletin.*

## CHINESE OFFICIALS VISIT LIBRARY

Five officials of the People's Republic of China who were in Washington for the opening of the exhibition of Chinese artifacts at the National Gallery of Art visited the Library of Congress on December 12. They were welcomed by John G. Lorenz, Acting Librarian of Congress, and other Library staff, including Warren Tsuneishi, Chief of the Orientalia Division, and by K. T. Wu and Chi Wang of the Chinese and Korean Sections.

Members of the delegation included Liu Yang-chiao, Adviser to the Working Committee on Archaeology, Peking; Chen Tzu-te, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Cultural Relics Publishing House; Chin Chung-chi, Assistant Researcher, Palace Museum; Liu Chiu-an, Chief, Cultural Relics Department; and Chao Ting-lai, Translator, Chinese Travel Bureau.

The group went first to the Visitor's Gallery, then to the Main Reading Room, the Main Catalog, the Annex stacks where the Chinese collections are housed, and finally to the Preservation and Restoration Laboratories. At each stop they were greeted by members of the Library staff and were shown selected materials.

## PAPER SHORTAGE NOW A WORLD PROBLEM

*by Robert L. Lisbeth*

History may record 1973-74 as the first years of shortages. This is certainly true with regard to paper, a once inexpensive and readily available resource. The United States, the world's largest producer of paper, had for many years before 1973 a paper surplus; but the years for traumatic paper shortages and cost increases have arrived and a "crisis" is here for certain kinds of papers.

Library of Congress staff members may not be fully aware of their effect upon paper costs and supplies each time they use paper on their jobs. Employees should know why paper costs have increased, why certain kinds of paper are getting harder to keep in stock, and what employees can do to conserve paper supplies.

There are many causes for the increasingly critical paper shortage. During the 1971 Federal price control period, profits of paper manufacturers fell; many delayed plant expansion because of the cost of meeting Federal environmental standards. Shortages of light-weight and specialty grade papers, such as tissues for carbons and tablet paper, have occurred because more profitable products such as cigarette papers are being produced. The shortage is also due to the diminishing supply of raw materials such as chemicals, coatings, and pulp, despite the fact that the paper producers receive 22 percent of their pulp

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from used paper products. The recent floods in the Southern timber areas also have reduced the harvest of usable pulp and European suppliers, especially in Scandinavian countries, are no longer supplying paper to the United States.

Costs for paper have increased due to shortages, higher demand, and general economic conditions. Countries outside the United States are willing to pay more for paper–$100 a ton more. Paper manufacturers use 26 percent of the more expensive United States fuel oil; they are ranked fourth among manufacturers in use of costly fuels and electricity. Costs to reduce water and air pollution to meet Federal environmental control standards are added to the price of paper. More of the profitable heavy-weight paper, which costs more than the light-weight and specialty papers, are being produced. Finally, the costs of constructing paper mills has doubled during the past five years.

Considering all of these reasons for cost increases, the Government Printing Office anticipates a 20 percent increase in paper costs in fiscal year 1975, and in fiscal year 1976, a 25 percent increase over fiscal year 1975 prices.

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## ISO HOLDS SEMINARS

The Information Systems Office (ISO) recently sponsored two automation seminars for analysts, programmers, and information systems professionals. On November 26, Robert H. Courtney, Manager of Data Security and Privacy, IBM, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., conducted a seminar on "Data Security in Computerized Information Systems." Mr. Courtney gave numerous case histories illustrating the various threats to data security and how to combat them.

On December 2, RMAG21 and RMAGASM, two new software packages available at the Library of Congress, were the subject of a seminar conducted by Robert Magnuson, Head of the Software Support Section, National Institutes of Health. Mr. Magnuson discussed methods of using the two packages which he developed to shorten the debugging phase of program implementation.

## EXHIBIT MARKS CENTENARY OF LIBRARY'S JAPANESE COLLECTIONS

The Japanese Section of the Orientalia Division will mount an exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Japanese collection in the Library of Congress in the Fifth Floor Foyer of the Annex Building. The exhibit will be on view from January 1 through April 30, 1975.

In November 1875, the Government of Japan accepted a proposal made the previous year by the Smithsonian Institution suggesting an exchange of government publications. This agreement marks the beginning of the Japanese collection.

The collection grew slowly in its early years–an average of six volumes per year was received between 1875 and 1900–as no linguisitic or subject expertise was available to the Library for recommending the purchase of Japanese books. The main sources of acquisition were exchange and gift. Early major acquisitions included the Crosby Stuart Noyes collection of Japanese art, presented to the Library in 1905, which included 658 illustrated books representing works produced from the mid-18th century to the late 19th century. A year later, 9,072 volumes were selected for the collection by Kan-ichi Asakawa of Yale University on a research trip to Japan and were received in 1907-08. Only 3,090 volumes were added from 1908-30 and the collection lay dormant until 1930 when the first Japanese area specialist was appointed and regular acquisitions and cataloging programs were initated. In 1938, the Japanese Section

was established as part of the Division of Orientalia (later the Orientalia Division).

The collection was greatly expanded by post World War II purchase, exchange, and transfer from other U.S. Government agencies, and at the end of fiscal year 1974, numbered 531,250 volumes with its strength in the humanities and social sciences of Japan, Formosa, Korea, and Manchuria and in scientific and technological serials. The periodicals include 12,000 scientific and cultural titles, and microfilm holdings have reached 4,000 reels. Separate catalogs of Japanese books and serial publications, including the Japanese Union Catalog and the Union Card File of Japanese serials, are maintained in the Japanese Section.

To be exhibited are photocopies of the essential documents of the 1874-75 agreement, and several books which illustrate the development of the Japanese Collection. Included are *Heiyō Nihon chiri shōshi*, an 1875 publication on the military geography of Japan, one of the documents received in the first exchange; an original and rare album of watercolor drawings by Hiroshige (1797-1858) from the Noyes Collection; a volume of the first Tripitaka printed in Japanese included in some 9,000 volumes acquired by Kan-ichi Asakawa of Yale University for the Library during 1906-07; a miniature scroll printed in 770 A.D., the oldest extant printed work from Japan and possibly the earliest specimen of printing in the Library's collections; a volume of *Shigure*, a Nara picture book (17th century); a volume from the 1852 Dutch-Japanese dictionary, *Oranda jii* acquired during the 1930's; *Nasu no shokubutsu*, a botanical work by Emperor Hirohito; a volume of selected poems by Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako; and the first book printed on plastic paper.

Shown also in the exhibit are two books predating the 1875 agreement. One is *The Narrative of a Japanese*, the autobiography of Joseph Heco, who was the first Japanese ever to visit Washington (in 1853) and who was also the first Japanese to work in the Capitol, as an aide to Senator William M. Gwin of California from October 1857 to February 1858. The second work is P. Joâo Rodriguez's *Grammaire japonaise* (1825), one of the books exhibited by the Library of Congress for the visit of the first Japanese Embassy in 1860.

## STAFF NEWS

### RETIREMENT

**Clara L. Young**, Buildings Services Section, Buildings Management Office, retired on December 13 after 30 years of Federal Service, all of which were spent in the Library of Congress.

Miss Young, a native of St. Mary's County, Md., came to the Library in April 1944 as an employee of the former Buildings and Grounds Division, and in 1952 she was promoted to the position of Checkstand Attendant and Elevator Operator.

On April 13, F. E. Croxton, Director of the Administrative Department, presented Miss Young with a 30-year Federal Service Award pin.

Miss Young's co-workers and friends honored her upon her retirement with a gift.

### AWARDS

**George E. Brenner**, Head of the Materiel Section, Procurement and Supply Division, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin by the Chief of the Procurement and Supply Division, Floyd D. Hedrick, on December 6.

A native of Alexandria, Va., Mr. Brenner served for 23 years as a civilian with the Army Corps of Engineers before joining the Library in 1972 in his present capacity.

**W. Neal McCord, Jr.**, Cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on November 27 by Elizabeth Tate, Chief of the division.

Mr. McCord began his Federal career with the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He came to the Library of Congress in 1956, working in the Loan Division until 1969 when he transferred to the Descriptive Cataloging Division. He was in charge of the division's Catalogers' Reference Collection until reassignment in 1973 to his present position as Descriptive Cataloger in English Language Section III.

Mr. McCord is a native of Washington, D.C., and a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Appointments:** Diane C. Bloomfield, file clerk, GS-4, Cop Serv, 7263; Deidra L. Gray, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; William T. Monroe, research analyst, GS-7, FRD, 7227; John E. Sutherland, library aid, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600.

**Temporary Appointments:** Linda R. Brubaker, clerk-typist, GS-1, Trng, NP; Patricia A. Haas, inquiries record clerk, GS-3, CRS D, NP; John J. Hrkach, narrator, WAE, DBPH, NP; Francis J. Seidlinger, library technician, GS-4, PMO, 7141; Barbara D. Williams, statistical research assistant, GS-7, Pers, 7253; Brian T. Woodall, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 5-600; Rhonda S. Zaharna, clerk, WAE, Photodup, OP 1-100.

**Promotions:** Sylvia L. Cook, Ser Rec, to card reprint reviser, GS-6, Card, NP; Gary Dwyer, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 2-600; Eugenia H. Harrison, NSDP, to head, MARC Keyboarding unit, GS-7, MARC Ed, 7271; John R. Herbert, G&M, to area specialist and assistant to the chief, GS-13, LAPS, 7300; Barbara B. Petty, head, NUC Publication Section, GS-13, Cat Publ, 7178; Thelma B. Quick, to supervisor central charge file, GS-5, Loan, 7368; Edward D. Rogers, to area supervisor, GS-5, S&R, OP 7215; Robert W. Stewart, to computer console equipment operator, GS-7, ISO, 7129.

**Transfers:** Mary Berg, Cat Publ, to MARC keyboarder, GS-4, MARC Ed, 7163; Rosalee Connor, Card, to catalog filer, GS-7, Cat Mgmt, NP; Joyce Y. Dempsey, Card, to arranging & distribution assistant, GS-3, Cat Mgmt, NP; Maudelle D. Gardner, Card, to arranging & distribution assistant, GS-3, Cat Mgmt, NP; Richard L. Rohland, Card, to catalog filer, GS-7, Cat Mgmt, NP; Betty I. York, Card, to catalog filer, GS-7, Cat Mgmt, NP.

**Resignations:** Lindsay A. Beaman, FRD; Michael L. Benson, F&G; Ellsworth M. Johnson, Jr., S&R; Deborah C. Moritz, CRS Ed; Todd P. Scarce, CRS C.

## STAFF ACTIVITIES

**James M. Hahn**, Assistant Chief for Reader Services, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, was the principal speaker at "Seminar '74" a workshop on library services to the handicapped and elderly, sponsored by the Seattle (Wash.) Public Library. Mr. Hahn identified technological developments affecting the national program. Concern for identifying, reaching, and serving the physically handicapped reader was emphasized.

**Morrigene Holcomb**, Federal Women's Program Coordinator and Analyst in the Government and General Research Division, Congressional Research Service, was among honored guests at a reception for women in Government held by the national convention of the Women's Equity Action League at Mt. Vernon College on December 6.

**Lester S. Jayson**, Director of the Congressional Research Service, spoke to the cultural committee of U.S. Information Agency officers on November 21 on the analytical and policy research work as well as the information services that CRS provides to the Members and Committees of the U.S. Congress. The cultural committee meetings are held with a view toward obtaining subject material for U.S.I.A. films and broadcasts to be presented abroad.

**Donna Pastore**, Braille Mathematics Specialist, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is the author of an article titled "Nature Trails for the Blind" which appeared in the 1974 issue of *Potomac Appalachian.*

**Sylvia Lyons Render**, Specialist in Afro-American History and Culture in the Manuscript Division, has been elected to the Delegate Assembly of the Modern Language Association. For a three-year term beginning January 1, 1975, Mrs. Render will serve as an at-large Delegate, with particular focus on black studies. Her chief responsibilities will include helping both to shape MLA policy and to redefine the role of the humanities in higher education. She came to LC in September 1973 from her post as professor of English at North Carolina Central University. An authority on Charles W. Chesnutt, a late-19th century Afro-American writer, she has written and lectured extensively on black literature and culture. Her most recent publication is *The Short Fiction of Charles W. Chesnutt* (1974), chosen by Howard University Press to be among the dozen books which were its first offerings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Linda A. Lojewski** and **Peter M. Blaser** were married on Saturday, November 2, in Rockville, Md. Mrs. Blaser is a member of the staff of the Restoration Office and Mr. Blaser is an apprentice in the International Brotherhood of Carpenter's Union 186.

An exhibit prepared by the **Far Eastern Law Division** was the subject of an article in the Fall 1974 issue of *Drug Enforcement*, a publication of the Drug Enforcement Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice. Included in the exhibit, which was on display from July through September of this year, were legal materials relating to efforts of various Southeast Asian nations to prevent drug abuse. The 1851 "Proclamation of the King of Siam Concerning Opium," the central item in the exhibit, was used as an illustration in the article.

The **Federal "After Hours" Education Program**, conducted by the College of General Studies, George Washington University, will offer more than 60 college-level courses after working hours to civilian and military personnel and the general public during its forthcoming Spring semester. The program offers an opportunity for individuals to enroll in undergraduate and graduate courses leading to Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Master of Science degrees. Individuals seeking self-improvement courses for career advancement may enroll as non-degree students.

Registration for the long Spring semester (January

20-April 21) and the first short session (January 20-March 6) will be held in conference rooms A, B, and D, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, and on Thursday, January 9. Registration for the second short session (March 17-April 29) will be held in the lobby, 706 20th St., N.W., on Tuesday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information regarding the Spring semester, contact Robert W. Stewart, Jr., Field Representative, College of General Studies, George Washington University at 676-7018.

## PAPER SHORTAGE NOW A WORLD PROBLEM

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Floyd D. Hedrick, Chief of the Library's Procurement and Supply Division, states that, thanks to effective planning, the Library fortunately has not experienced a paper crisis. The Library is paying more for certain types, quality, and sizes of paper however. One kind of computer paper increased in one month from $9.80 a box to $15.70 a box, and four months later to $30 a box—a 206 percent increase in five months. A certain kind of buff ledger paper increased from $18 in March to $37.48 in August—a 108 percent increase. Even higher percentages were observed for certain kinds of kraft and manila folders. Fortunately, these are exceptions to the increased costs and not the rule.

With increased costs, it is now a challenge to each staff member to help cut the use of paper and stretch paper supplies as far as possible. Wasteful consumer habits, office paper gluttons, unnecessary computer print-outs, and copier overuses, all contribute to shortages. Discovering new ways to save paper and letting others know of these methods could help the situation.

At the Library of Congress, the Paperwork Management Section in the Central Services Division surveys, analyzes, and evaluates the Library's paperwork management activities; provides guidance in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Records Act and regulations issued thereunder; and assists in developing and improving records management including forms control and design. The staff is always available to help anyone in the Library manage paper usage.

The Paperwork Management Section suggests that LC staff (1) make only the number of typewritten carbon copies needed; (2) avoid creating duplicate files and filing copies; (3) limit electrostatic copies to those actually needed; (4) circulate one informational copy instead of giving each person a personal copy; (5) use form and guide letters where possible; (6) use both sides of a page for drafts; and (7) use the blank sides of obsolete printed material for notes or drafts.

In the forms program, the Paperwork Management Section strives to (1) avoid the creation of new forms by adapting or modifying existing forms; (2) combine two or more forms into one; (3) eliminate the establishment or continuation of a form through modification of procedures if possible; (4) suggest a size which will most fully utilize a sheet of paper; (5) encourage using both sides of the paper where possible; (6) cut quantity ordered to conform with the actual record of past usage; and (7) recommend the use of "self-mailers" where applicable.

Inquiries concerning assistance from the Paperwork Management staff may be directed to Harold R. Hooper, Head, Paperwork Management Section, ext. 5593.

The following proven paper savers, recommended in a recent General Services Administration bulletin, are also applicable to the Library of Congress.

**Rapid copying**

(1) Discourage "just in case" copies.
(2) Request copies actually needed rather than rounding numbers, such as 5 or 10.
(3) Use both sides of paper and reduced sizes when copying machine capabilities permit.

**Computer printing**

(1) Use summary rather than detail data.
(2) Reduce the number of copies routinely made.
(3) Revise format for better paper space use.

**Printing**

(1) Avoid nonstandard paper sizes.
(2) Permit substitutions of paper grades.
(3) Limit distribution lists.
(4) Use "self-mailers" where practical.

**Writing**

(1) Use both sides of a page for typed drafts.
(2) Use the blank side of obsolete printed material for handwritten drafts and notes.
(3) Allow minor pen-and-ink changes.
(4) Consider the use of dictating and word processing equipment.
(5) Encourage the use of form and guide letters.
(6) Limit typewritten carbon copies.
(7) Use routing slips for internal memos.
(8) Respond on original correspondence.

**Miscellaneous**

(1) Reuse file folders when destroying records.

(2) Salvage paper products for recycling.

(3) Keep mailing lists current.

The Library has been recycling paper for more than 22 years by collecting about 6,000 pounds of paper each morning in the Main and Annex Buildings. A story and pictures of the Library's recycling process are in the July 14, 1972 LC *Information Bulletin*, pp. 316-317.

Paper conservation and paperwork management now affect our daily lives as never before. A recent American Paper Institute survey indicates that additional paper mills will expand capacity, expanding the country's total capacity. Forecasts for paper costs, however, predict that prices will continue to rise.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

*Accessions List: India.* ISSN 0041-7734. Vol. 13, No. 7. July 1974. (pp. 273-342.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

*Accessions List: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.* ISSN 0041-7742. Vol. 9, No. 8. August 1974. (pp. 209-232.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, APO San Francisco 96356.

*Accessions List: Nepal.* ISSN 0090-3744. Vol. 9, No. 1. April 1974. (pp. 1-19.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

*Accessions List: Pakistan.* ISSN 0041-7777. Vol. 13, No. 9. September 1974. (pp. 55-61.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

*Americana in Children's Books.* Rarities from the 18th and 19th Centuries. 1974. (iii, 28 p.) For sale by mail from the Library of Congress, Information Office, Washington, D.C. 20540, or in person at the Information Counter in the Main Building, for $1.25 a copy. Payment must accompany orders; checks or money orders should be made payable to the Library of Congress.

Children's books have been a significant part of the history of American culture, and to look at Americana in children's literature, the Library has singled out not only early works published in America but also later contributions of famous American writers and illustrators which portray a past way of life. This sampling of landmarks in American literature for children, published up to 1900, is drawn chiefly from the large juvenilia collection in the Library's rare book holdings.

*Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions.* ISSN 0012-2785. 93rd Congress, 2nd Session. Supplement No. 5 to Cumulative Issue No. 2, 1974. (Various pagings.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $1.65 this issue or $90 a session, domestic, and $112.50 a session, foreign (LC 14.6:93/2/2/Supp. 5).

*LC Science Tracer Bullet: Organic Fuels.* ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 74-6). November 1974. (9 p.) Compiled by T. R. Liao, this library search tool provides systematic guidance to the literature that deals with "the technology and economic feasibility of converting organic materials such as garbage, animal wastes, sewage-sludge, and waste paper to oil, gas, and/or other fuel." Copies are available free on request from the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

*Selected Information Resources on Mining and Reclamation of Mined Lands* (SL 74-6). October 1974. (8 p.) Compiled by the Science and Technology Division's National Referral Center, this is an informal listing of 29 organizations that will answer questions or provide informative materials on mining and reclamation of mined lands. Each entry gives the name, address, and telephone number of the organization, and a brief description of the information services it provides. Copies are available free on request from the National Referral Center, Science and Technology Division.

*Selected Sources of Information on Transportation: Highways* (SL 74-7). November 1974. (13 p.) Compiled by the Science and Technology Division's National Referral Center, this is an informal listing of 46 organizations that will provide informative materials on highways. Each entry gives the name, address, and telephone number of the organization and a brief description of the information services it provides. This is the fourth listing prepared by the Center dealing with transportation; the other three covered *Aviation* (SL 72-17, November 1972), *Shipping* (SL 73-1, April 1973), and *Rails* (SL 73-6, Rev. August 1974). Copies of these lists may be obtained free from the National Referral Center.

**Cooperative Publication Project**: *Astronautics and Aeronautics, 1972: Chronology of Science, Tech-*

*nology, and Policy* (NASA SP-4017, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 1974. 580 p. TL521.3 ASA3) is for sale from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $4.85, domestic postpaid, and is available for consultation in the Science Reading Room.

This volume is one in a continuing series published by NASA since 1961, except during 1962-1963 when it was published by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. Since 1964, the text has been prepared in the Library of Congress by the Aeronautics Project of the Science and Technology Division, under the sponsorship of the NASA Historical Office. The Library of Congress compilers of the 1972 chronology included Carmen Brock-Smith, Nancy Brun, Patricia Davis, Arthur G. Renstrom, and Shirley Singleton.

Leonard C. Bruno of the Aeronautics Project prepared Appendix A, "Satellites, Space Probes, and Manned Space Flights, 1972"; Appendix B, "Chronology of Major NASA Launches, 1972"; and Appendix C, "Chronology of Manned Space Flight, 1972." Appendix D, "Abbreviations of References," was prepared by Mrs. Davis.

**New Microfilm Publications**: The Library of Congress has made available three publications on 35mm positive microfilm.

*Histories of Generals.* This series of small books is available on one reel for $25. During the late 1800's, Duke Cigarettes distributed these 18 to 20-page biographies of Civil War generals and admirals in packages of their cigarettes. The front cover of each miniature volume bears a portrait of the man described and the back cover contains a scene from the Civil War.

*Civil War Army Nurses' Scrapbook* was compiled by Mary M. North, by whom many of the sketches were written. Of particular interest in this collection are the reminiscences of the Civil War nurses concerning how they became involved in the war and their particular experiences in caring for the sick and wounded. This unique collection was microfilmed for the sake of preservation and was already in an advanced state of deterioration at the time of filming. Purchasers should be aware that considerable flaking and crumbling of the scrapbook pages took place before filming and resulted in the loss of some text in the clippings located at the outer margins of the pages. This collection is available on one reel for $9.

*A Soldier's Story* is a monologue by Alfred R. Calhoun and Alfred E. Pearsall. This unusual item, received by the Library in 1895 as a copyright deposit, purports to be a personal narrative of a Civil War soldier's experiences. Although two men are listed as authors, this short work is written in the first person singular. This title is available on one reel for $9.

Orders or letters of inquiry should be addressed to the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Department C-231, Washington, D.C. 20540.

**Library of Congress Regulations:** No. 316 (November 27) concerns acquisition of Library materials by exchange; No. 318-1.1 (December 4) relates to purchase of materials for the collections; No. 212-11 (December 5) pages 1 and 2, stated the Central Services Division's responsibility for certain visual aids; No. 1916-1 (December 6) gave certain postal regulations; No. 1919 (December 9) concerned transmission of cable, telegram, and teletype messages; No. 1613 (December 10) concerned requests for transportation services; No. 914 (December 11) clarified responsibility for outside delivery of Library materials; No. 1515-3 (December 11) referred to reports on special projects.

**Special Announcements:** No. 663 (November 29) announced the December 11 visit of the Bloodmobile; No. 664 (December 10) reported the 1975-76 Intern Program; No. 665 (December 6) concerned civil service retirement computations.

**Press Releases:** No. 74-44 (December 16) Council on Library Resources Grant to Library of Congress Will Fund Expansion of MARC Services.

## NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

### NHPC Meets

The National Historical Publications Commission met on December 11 in the National Archives Building. In the absence of the Archivist, the oldest member of the Commission in point of service, William M. Franklin of the State Department, presided.

The new Presidential appointee was welcomed. He is Vermont C. Royster, who is currently serving as Kenan Professor of Journalism and Public Affairs at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 1936, Mr. Royster became a reporter with the *Wall Street Journal*, in 1946 he became its chief Washington correspondent, and in 1958 he was named editor of the *Wall Street Journal*.

It was announced that the Honorable William J. Brennan, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, had declined reappointment to the Commission for personal reasons. Associate

Justice Harry A. Blackmun has been appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States to replace Mr. Justice Brennan as the representative of the Judicial Branch of the Government.

A resolution expressing gratitude for Mr. Justice Brennan's "insightful and inspiring" contribution as a member of the Commission from April 28, 1965 to October 24, 1974, was unanimously adopted. It noted his "faithful attendance despite increasingly full and significant years for the Supreme Court," his "lively sense of history and his perceptive understanding of the Commission's role in supporting a record of that history," the "scholarly judgment he imparted to the Commission's decisions," his "diligent labors" on its behalf, and, not least, the "kindly good humor and fellowship he brought to its deliberations."

Edgar A. Toppin, chairman of the Commission's special advisory committee on the publication of papers of American blacks, reported in detail. After thorough discussion, the Commission approved some priorities and requested further consideration by the advisory committee of topical approaches where possible.

Several continuing letterpress publication projects were voted grants and several university presses were awarded small printing subventions. A number of other projects, chiefly for microfilming, were considered and approved.

It was announced that despite the expiration of the nonrenewable Ford Foundation grant, the NHPC, with its somewhat larger appropriations and with assistance from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be able to keep the "Big Five" projects on the Founding Fathers going, while continuing to broaden the Commission's program. It was noted that the bill on the preservation of presidential recordings and other materials (S. 4016, as amended) had passed both houses of Congress and was awaiting Presidential action. It includes provision for a 17-member Public Documents Commission, strongly urged by Rep. John Brademas and Sen. Claiborne Pell, both NHPC members, to study and make recommendations in regard to the nature and proper disposition of papers of elected and other high Federal officials. The Librarian of Congress and the Administrator of General Services are named as members of this commission.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission bill, H.R. 15818–which enlarges the NHPC's membership, changes its name, increases the Commission's responsibility to include a national records preservation program, authorizes appropriations of $4,000,000 for publication projects (NHPC is now funded at $2,000,000) and for the preservation of basic source materials throughout the country–was brought to the floor of the House by Rep. Jack Brooks of Texas, and, on December 3, was passed by a two-thirds vote under a suspension of the rules. On December 11, the bill was favorably reported (Report No. 93-1331) by the Senate Committee on Government Operations, under the chairmanship of Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. The Archivist of the United States will be chairman of the enlarged Commission and the Librarian of Congress (or his alternate) will continue to be a member. [*Elizabeth Hamer Kegan*]

**International Documents Workshop Report**

International Documents and the Depository Library was the theme of a workshop held at Philadelphia on November 22-24 under the sponsoship of the International Documents Task Force (IDTF) of ALA's Government Documents Round Table. The Coordinator and Co-Coordinator of the Task Force, Mina Pease, Unifo Ltd., London, and Carolyn Kohler, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, had arranged a very full schedule for the three days, with morning, afternoon, and evening panels as well as meal sessions. The registrants, who numbered almost 100, were mainly documents librarians from United States and Canadian institutions with substantial international collections.

A tour of the Public Documents Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia preceded the formal part of the program. The first session was a dinner highlighted by a talk on "The International Library" by Natalia Tyulina, Director of the United Nations Headquarters Library. During the various panels, representatives of government, academic, special, and international libraries discussed the complexities of acquiring, organizing, and servicing international materials at their respective libraries. Speaking from the standpoint of the international agency, primarily as the producer and distributor of materials, were officials from the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labor Organization, the Organization of American States, the European Communities, and the Association of International Libraries. Others who participated in the panels represented the user of international documents and the library educator.

At the luncheon session on the final day, Luther Evans, former Librarian of Congress and former Director-General of UNESCO, gave an informative

and entertaining talk concerning the conventions on the international exchange of publications. At the final session, the workshop participants agreed upon a recommendation suggesting that IDTF set up a group to study and report on depository library arrangements. It is anticipated that papers from the workshop will appear in the *Government Publications Review.* [*Robert W. Schaaf*]

**SAMLA Meeting Report**

The South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) held its 44th annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on October 31-November 2. Approximately 2,000 members attended.

The Association is made up largely of professors of modern languages and literatures in colleges and universities in the region bordered by Maryland, Kentucky, Florida, and Louisiana. James F. Burks, George Washington University, was chairman of local arrangements.

At a general session on October 31, Morse Peckham, University of South Carolina, addressed the Association on the topic, "A Ph. D. in the Humanities?". His general address was only one indication throughout the meeting that the profession represented by SAMLA is undergoing change. Earlier in that same day Bertram H. Davis, Florida State University, former General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors in Washington, D.C., spoke on "Tenure Under Attack," recounting recent theoretical discussions and practical case histories in which academic tenure was challenged.

The Presidential Address, "Why Was Faust Blinded?", was delivered at the SAMLA luncheon on November 1 by Douglas F. Bub, University of South Carolina. Robert L. Kellogg, University of Virginia, was elected President of the Association for 1975.

During the three days there were approximately 70 separate meetings by established sections, discussion circles, workshops, committees, and associated organizations. The program for the American Literature Section (morning and afternoon sessions, on November 1), was under the chairmanship of John C. Broderick, Assistant Chief of the Library of Congress Manuscript Division. Also attending from LC were Roy P. Basler, Chief, and Sylvia L. Render, Specialist in Afro-American History and Culture, Manuscript Division. A former staff member of the Manuscript Division, Julian D. Mason, now of the University of North Carolina (Charlotte), addressed the joint session of SAMLA and the Southeastern American Studies Association on the fiction of Philip Roth.

In 1975 SAMLA will meet in Atlanta, Ga.
[*John C. Broderick*]

**Seminar on Exhibition Catalogs Held**

In cooperation with the New York Group of the Museum, Arts, and Humanities Division of the Special Libraries Association and the New York Chapter of the Art Libraries Society, North America, METRO (New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency) sponsored an all-day seminar on exhibition catalogs on October 21. This seminar provided a complete overview of the librarian's problems with exhibition catalogs in a varied program.

Everett Fahy, Director of the Frick Collection, provided background information in his opening paper on the general characteristics and raison d'être of exhibition catalogs. A paper prepared by Noel N. Balke, National Gallery of Canada, well illustrated with slides, provided detailed information about acquisition. The use of exhibition catalogs in different types of art libraries was discussed by a panel recruited from the audience, who nobly substituted for the scheduled speaker who was prevented from attending by a sudden illness. The cataloging and classification of exhibition catalogs were described by Lucy Ho in terms of the procedures followed by the Metropolitan Museum of Art and by Jane Collins in terms of the simpler methods sufficient for a smaller organization like the Marlborough Gallery. Cataloging was also the subject of the last presentation by Elizabeth Tate, who described new tools being published by the Library of Congress and discussed recent developments in descriptive cataloging. Some of the papers from this seminar may be published in future issues of *Special Libraries.* [*Elizabeth L. Tate*]

**National Book Committee Discontinues Operations**

The **National Book Committee** has voted to discontinue its operation because of "continually increasing costs and sharply declining income," according to Roger L. Stevens, Chairman.

The best known continuing programs of the National Book Committee have been the annual National Book Awards, the National Medal for Literature, and the National Library Week. Less well-known have been special projects for the book community such as the Educational Media Selection Centers Program to design effective facilities, procedures, and programs for the intergrated use of all instructional media by teachers and other concerned adults.

"The Future of General Adult Books and Reading in America" was the title of both a conference and a published report in 1970 which examined current trends in publishing, reading, book distribution, and library services in the United States.

The "Mohonk" Conference brought together 30 economists, educators, planners, librarians, and publishers from 11 countries to concentrate on the role of books and other educational materials in education, social, and economic development.

A "Right-to-Read" Conference for the Southeastern United States attracted 125 librarians and teachers to plan implementation of this priority program of the U.S. Office of Education.

Although beset by financial troubles in recent years, the committee has remained active. In June 1973, a communications group met to discuss its concerns about access by the American public to books and journals through organized collections in libraries. A report on the conference, "Library Funding and Public Support" was written by Robert W. Frase and published by ALA in 1973.

In April 1974, the National Book Committee sponsored a symposium attended by librarians, reading specialists, teachers, authors, publishers, and Government officials to define specific ways in which the UNESCO "Books for All: A Program for Action" might be implemented both here and abroad.

Underway at the time the committee was dissolved was a study to examine the possible "chilling effect" of the Supreme Court obscenity decisions of June 1973 and 1974.

In making the announcement, Mr. Stevens said that the National Book Awards for 1975 will take place as usual but under the auspices of the Committee on Awards Policy. The American Library Association has already undertaken the sponsorship of the National Library Week program. Negotiations are in progress to have the annual National Medal for Literature administered by an appropriate non-profit agency or organization.

COMING EVENTS

The **Folger Shakespeare Library** Annual Poetry Series will open its sixth season on January 6, 1975, with a reading by R. H. W. Dillard. The 1975 series will also include Mona Van Duyn, January 20; David R. Slavitt, February 17; three Washington area poets, Wayne Alexander, Ed Cox, and Michael Lally, February 24; Arthur Gregor and Charles David Wright, March 10; and Katie Louchheim, March 24. All readings are on Monday at 8 p.m., in the Elizabethan Theatre of the Library, at 201 E. Capitol St., S.E. Tickets are not necessary and free parking is available at the Library of Congress Second St. parking area. For further information, telephone Leni Spencer, 546-2461.

The **Art Libraries Society/North America** will hold their Third Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., on January 19-22, 1975. Inquiries should be addressed to Judith A. Hoffberg, P.O. Box 3692, Glendale, Calif. 91201.

**Regional U.S. Civil Service Commission Offices** are offering an information handling seminar entitled, "Computer/Microfilm Interfaces" for librarians and others wanting a review of basic microforms, their production, and Computer-Output-Microfilms. The dates and locations are as follows: Philadelphia, January 7-8; Portland, Oregon, January 16-17; Washington, D.C., February 19-21; Chicago, March 3-4; Kansas City, March 13-14; Los Angeles, April 7-8; Denver, April 21-22; Austin, May 5-7; Washington, D.C., May 14-16; and Chicago, June 23-24. In the three-day sessions, the third day is devoted to applications and related discussion. Additional information or registration forms are available either from Regional Civil Service offices or from Norma Nelson, Dataflow Systems Inc., 7758 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Md. 20014, telephone (301) 654-9133.

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